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SUBJCET: INDIAN REACTION TO MIDDLE EAST FIGHTING

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1. INDIA CONTINUES ITS DISTANT, VERBAL SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE. INTEREST IS HIGH IN THE WAR EVEN THOUGH INDIA'S ONLY DIRECT CONCERNS APPEAR TO BE FOR ITS OIL SUPPLY (NOT AFFECTED), COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE AREA (REROUTED), AND WELFARE OF INDIAN CITIZENS (FOUR REPORTEDLY KILLED IN AN OCTOBER 10 ATTACK ON DAMASCUS).

2. MRS. GANDHI REITERATED TO A PRESS CONFERENCE IN ASSAM OCTOBER 10 INDIA'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ARABS BUT ALSO SAID THAT SHE DID NOT THINK INDIA COULD DO MUCH IN BRINGING ABOUT AN END TO THE WAR. "IT IS FOR THE ARAB STATES AND OTHERS TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO," SHE SAID. SHE DID NOT THINK INDIA WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE MUCH RETALIATORY ACTION FOR INJURY TO

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INDIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SWARAN SINGH ON HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK
OCTOBER 10 EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN AT THE SITUATION, FOR
WHICH HE BLAMED ISRAEL. HE SAID THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT
WAS FOR PEACE. INDIA STOOD FOR EARLY CEASEFIRE AND SETTLEMENT
OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES.
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